

First Postwar Aircraft Carrier is Launched, 1945

Narrator: The *U.S.S. Oriskany*, 27,000 ton Essex class aircraft carrier, awaits launching at the New York Navy Yard. She is the first United States capital ship completed since war's end. The giant ship slides down the ways to join the peacetime Navy. Named for a crucial battle in America's War for Independence, she will help keep a hard-won peace.

To San Francisco returns the battle-seasoned aircraft carrier *Ticonderoga*, 2,200 Pacific combat veterans aboard. In one of the worst kamikaze attacks of the war, the *Ticonderoga* lost a 144 of her crew and suffered heavy damage. Home at last, she shows no scars. For the Navy men whom she brought back, a real welcome.